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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESS COMMENT ON CARTER UN SPEECH

1. BULGARIAN PAPERS ZXDELSKO ZNAME, TRUD, KOOPERATIVNO SELO, AND RABOTNICHESKO DELO (RD) OF MARCH 19 CARRIED REPORTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH AT UN. ONLY COMMENTARY-- AND THAT FAIRLY THIN--APPEARED IN RD PIECE BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, VLADIMIR LANKOV.

2. LANKOV SAID SPEECH WAS FIRST OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO FOREIGN POLICY. IN HIS OPINION, SPEECH CONTAINED NO NEW INITIATIVES AND LARGE PART WAS DEVOTED TO QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, "A QUESTION EXPLOITED LATELY IN THE WEST." HE STATED PRESIDENT ATTEMPTED, UNSUCCESSFULLY IN HIS OPINION, TO DISASSOCIATE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION FROM NEGOTIATIONS IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. LANKOV NOTED PRESIDENT REITERATED HIS VISION OF SEEKING "SPEEDY AGREEMENT FOR CONTROL OR FREEZING OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS, ACCOMPANIED BY MUTUAL REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC ARMS." BUT, SAID LANKOV, "EVEN BOURGEOIS COMMENTATORS" HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF INTERNAL CONTRADICTION IN VIEW THAT DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT CAN PROCEED IN AN ATMOSPHERE UNAVOIDABLY

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HEATED BY (US) INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. RD PIECE ALSO TOUCHES BRIEFLY ON POINTS IN SPEECH RELATING TO SOUTHERN AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, AND "NECESSITY FOR COORDINATED EFFORTS AMONG CAPITALIST COUNTRIES TO REVIVE THEIR CHRONICALLY ILL ECONOMIES." LANKOV MAKES NO MENTION

OF PRESIDENT'S OTHER POINTS REGARDING HELSINKI, PANAMA, CHINA,  
NOR US MEASURES TOWARD DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.LANKOV CONCLUDES  
BY REPEATING PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROMISE TO KEEP AMERICAN  
PUBLIC INFORMED OF ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY STEPS.

4. COMMENT: LANKOV'S "ANALYSIS" LOOKS VERY MUCH LIKE THE  
WORK OF SOMEONE NOT QUITE SURE OF WHAT "THE LINE" IS  
SUPPOSED TO BE.IT STARTS OUT SAYING THE SPEECH IS AN  
IMPORTANT ONE, BUT THEN BACKS AWAY FROM ANY EXTENDED COMMENT  
AND TICKS OFF ONLY "STANDING GUIDANCE" POINTS. PRINTING  
IT IN THIS FORM INDICATES EQUAL CAUTION BY HIS EDITORS.  
PRESUMABLY THE LINE WILL EMERGE MORE CLEARLY FOLLOWING  
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, BUT WE SEE NO CLUE TO GOVERNMENT  
ATTITUDES IN LANKOV'S ARTICLE.  
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